

## REAT IRRIGATION PLAN

Federal Officials and Salt Lake County Farmers Will Discuss Utah Lake Reservoir Today at Bingham Junction.

Transformation of Utah lake into reservoir for irrigation purposes has passed from the domain of speculation into the realm of probability. Prof. G. L. Swendsen has demonstrated that the scheme is physically feasible and Prof. F. H. Newell, hydrographer of the United States Geological Survey, is ready to amend it to the Department of the Interior as soon as satisfactory arguments can be made with the farmers now holding water rights in the Jordan river.

**OBJECT OF HIS COMING.** Prof. Newell arrived here yesterday afternoon from the West. The purpose of his visit is to arrange meetings with farmers at which the matter can

be explained and the sentiment of the farmers ascertained. The special will return at 1:30 p. m.

### DEBATE ON FORESTS.

State and Federal Officers Cross Verbal Swords.

Mr. Newell of the reclamation service and Mr. Pinchot of the forest reserve service attended a meeting of a score of prominent men last night at the Commercial club, where the subject for discussion was the control of the watersheds affecting the water supply of Utah, whether they should be under Government, State, city or town or private control. The gentlemen for the Government insisted that, despite the fact that at present the services given by the Government are bad and at times works hardships on the country districts, the Government con-

### CABINET DINNER.

Brilliant Function at the Residence of Postmaster-General Payne—Those Present.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The Cabinet dinner given by Postmaster-General Payne and Mrs. Payne tonight was perhaps the largest function of that character ever given in Washington, as, in addition to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, there were about forty additional guests. For the first time this season the entire Cabinet circle was represented, the company including President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Cabinet, Justice and Mrs. Holmes, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Senator and Mrs. Scott, Senator and Mrs. Quarles, Senator Warren, Gen. and Mrs. Corbin, and Commander and Mrs. Cowles.

## NEW LAW A DEATH BLOW TO CHICAGO THEATERS

Provisions of New Ordinance Very Stringent.

### MANY HOUSES ARE DARK

Several Playhouses Will Have to Be Rebuilt.

Building Commissioner Has a Bad Hour With the Coroner's Jury—Treasure in Iroquois Theater.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The City Council tonight took action that will, in all probability, result in the closing of nearly all of the theaters in Chicago for the remainder of the present theatrical season. Last night the Council passed an ordinance setting forth what must be done by the theaters of this city before they will be allowed to remain in continuous operation. It concerned tonight to consider the passage of an enabling act that would allow the theaters to operate for the remainder of this season without being compelled to fulfill all the requirements of the ordinance, as some of the conditions are of a nature that will require the practical reconstruction of a number of the playhouses.

**CONDITIONS IMPOSED.** After a long debate the Council decided on the following essentials which the theaters must meet before they will be allowed to reopen their doors:

"A steel curtain.  
"An automatic sprinkler system.  
"A bond of \$25,000 guaranteeing the performance, by August 1, 1904, of all the requirements of the ordinance.  
"The widening of doors and exits.  
"All of the above to be performed under such conditions, terms and restrictions as shall be imposed by the Mayor of the city, the commissioner of buildings and a sub-committee of three to be appointed by the Mayor.  
"The managers of the theaters declared tonight that it would be impossible for them to meet the demands of this ordinance, and several of them declared they had no intention of trying to reopen their doors. The manager of one theater declared that he thought he could be in shape by February 1st, but was not sure of it. He felt certain, however, that he would be able to reopen the doors of his playhouse long before the close of the theatrical season.

**TWO OUT OF BUSINESS.** The passage of the ordinance last night put two of the downtown theaters out of business, as their construction is such that they will be unable to comply with the law without tearing down the buildings in which they are located, and erecting entirely new structures. All of the other houses will be able to meet the demands of the law, but it will be at great expense for several of them.

In anticipation of a flood of death claims and personal injury suits that may aggregate \$6,000,000, the financial interests behind the Iroquois Theater company have commenced a fight to prevent the Coroner's jury from disclosing their identity.

### FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Building Commission Makes Some Damaging Admissions.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Chief of Police O'Neill was a witness at the Iroquois fire inquest today. Asked about the issuance of licenses for the opening of new theaters he said the law requires that a license be procured before the enterprise is started, but he declared it was not under the jurisdiction of his department to see that the license was so procured.

Building Commissioner Williams was recalled at his own request. He told of a conference with the Mayor and heads of departments, in which he was told to cut down expenses as much as possible in every department.

While Mr. Williams was on the stand the Coroner's jury cited section after section of the building ordinance to show that responsibility and the lack of fire-fighting appliances on the stage and in other defects in the

### AT NATION'S CAPITAL.

Prominent Residents of Salt Lake City in Washington. (TRIBUNE SPECIAL.)

Washington, Jan. 19.—Postmaster Arthur L. Thomas of Salt Lake City is here. He is spending most of his time at the Postoffice department explaining points in the report made some time since by postoffice inspectors who investigated some interesting and important charges affecting the conduct and management of Postmaster Thomas's office.

Ex-Senator Frank Cannon of Ogden is among the latest arrivals from Utah. It is said that ex-Senator Cannon has some picturesque and forceful evidence bearing upon the case of Senator Smoot, now before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which will be presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Heath, who have been at the New Willard since Monday of last week, intend leaving for Salt Lake City shortly. Mr. Heath, who was summoned as a witness for the Government in the Machen case, has completed his testimony and been discharged as a witness.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keith of Salt Lake City, who have been at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York for several weeks with Charles Keith and their young son, David, have gone to Lakewood, N. J., for the season. They anticipate a trip by the Mediterranean route within a few weeks.

### THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

**ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.**—Senate sends postal matter into committee and resumes consideration upon the Panama bill. Miners' congress at Indianapolis names committees. Several patents issued to Utah inventors. Porter in blazing building at Marion, Ind., saves lives by operating elevator. Strikers in St. Louis assault drivers of funeral carriages. Congress requested to make appropriation for diplomatic service for Panama. George Francis Train, one of the most picturesque characters in the country, dead at New York.

**FOREIGN.**—It is feared that there will be a riot at Seoul, Russia, complaining that soldiers are causing trouble. The czar at ceremonial of the "Blessing of the Waters" commemorative of the baptism of the Savior. Reported that King Peter of Serbia will abdicate in favor of a monarch who will punish rogues. Korea in a panic, riots looked for. Announcement made that Attorney-General of France will recommend revision of the Dreyfus case. Peace between Japan and Russia in sight. Joseph Chamberlain discusses commerce and receives great ovation.

**MOUNTAIN AND COAST.**—Slack swimmers dunk Blackfoot (Ida.) man in horse dead. A. G. Cordelle of Weiser, Ida., a bankrupt.

**STATE.**—Partner of J. M. Schockley at Ogden. Cannery factories in northern part of State may combine. Ore train at the Daly-Judge tunnel runs away, injuring two miners.

**CITY.**—Police have a busy day, after a day of complete rest. Rife falls to give day and is in jail on the charge of forgery. Little girl of 14 with gray hair found perishing in the snow. Daynes' music business absorbed by Carstensen & Anson. F. H. Newell and Gifford Pinchot arrive to represent the Government in the consultation with the farmers over the Utah lake reservoir proposition. Schockley's trial set for March 22nd. Two county school districts unite. Complaints to be sworn out against merchants for selling impure ketchup. High school students send their ideas of school life to an Eastern university. Callahan positively refuses the position of physical instructor at the U. of U. Real estate transfers, \$18,911. Bank clearings, \$56,621. Yesterday's stock sales, 25,500 shares, for \$388,000. One bullion settlements during the day, \$2,300.

safety appliances of the theater rested on the building department. Mr. Williams admitted that the theater ran nearly a month without securing a permit from the building department. Although he had been informed on the opening night by Inspector McLaughlin that the theater was going to open, he would not inquire if a permit had been granted. When asked why he did not look into the condition of the theater, Mr. Williams answered: "Simply because I can't do twenty-five men's work."

For a hour during Commissioner Williams' examination the city building department was under a fire of scathing inquiry. For the first time during the investigation the language "guilty knowledge" went into the record and those who followed the proceedings were impressed with the full extent of the responsibility for the holocaust which the jurors seem to place upon that branch of the city government.

The examination of the Building Commissioner was so severe that Assistant Corporation Counsel Rothman interfered in behalf of Mr. Williams. A clash with the Coroner resulted.

The witness was not permitted to testify as to his competence and with cold sweat glistening on his forehead left the stand after as bad an hour as any witness has experienced at the hands of the jury and the Coroner.

### NEW THEATER ORDINANCE.

Measure Adopted by the Council to Safeguard Life.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The Chicago City Council, after a session lasting nearly all night, passed an amended theater building ordinance early today. The result was a much more stringent measure than had been proposed by the special committee on theaters. The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 41 to 3, at 3:50 o'clock this morning.

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### TAKES STAR OF CHIEF.

Mayor of Spokane Assumes Charge of Police Department and Demands Chief's Removal.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—Mayor Boyd tonight declared an emergency and took direct charge of the police department, thus taking the reins of power from Chief E. M. Wood.

A proclamation was posted in the police headquarters, and later the Mayor sent a message to the Council, informing it of his action and asking that Wood be removed from office. The grounds for the emergency, as set forth by the Mayor, are disorganization and lack of discipline among the force, ill-will engendered by the Chief's arbitrary course, and the consequent failure of the department to deal effectively with crime.

The proclamation designates Capt. Corvally as acting Chief. Friction between the Mayor and the Chief of Police has been growing since the Mayor entered office, last May.

## RUSSIA'S RULER AT CEREMONIAL OF BLESSING OF WATERS

### Rite Commemorative of Baptism of the Savior.

Scene Most Spectacular Nobility and Representatives Foreign Powers Present.

Magnificent Pageant Preceded Ceremonial—Czar Greeted by a Salvo of Artillery.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The czar made his first public appearance this season at today's solemn ceremony of blessing the waters. In the orthodox church this rite is commemorative of the baptism of the Savior. It took place in an open chapel built out on a quay extending far from the winter palace. It was preceded by a religious service within the palace, which was attended by the imperial family, with the exception of the Czarina, whose condition was such as to prevent her being present, and the court officials, nobility and representatives of the foreign powers. The latter drove to the place in great state with outriders wearing the traditional hunting knives, belts, caps and streaming plumes of the national colors.

**MAGNIFICENT PAGEANT.** The scene outside the chapel was extremely impressive. The thermometer registered below zero, and the atmosphere was clear. Along the quay the people were held back by a troop of mounted gen d'armes. The bare-headed procession moved through double lines of imperial infantry and a sailor guard from the palace to the chapel, with the cross and gospels held aloft, preceded by the Metropolitan and the higher clergy, wearing gold embroidered vestments, with church banners, and followed by a scarlet-gowned court choir, the chamberlains and other court officials. Then came the officers of the famous Broobrujensky regiment, in full uniform, with their bayoneted rifles, thus permitting a gorgeous display of uniforms, bearing the flags of the empire. Next was the magnificent equestrian guard, in white tunics with gold cuirasses and double-eagled helmets, muskars and the red lanciers with sabre-tipped headgear and crimson facings.

The Grand Duke immediately preceded the czar, who carried himself easily. He wore a simple uniform, that of the famous Broobrujensky regiment, the cross of St. Andrew glittering on his breast. This was his only decoration.

### BLESSING OF THE WATERS.

The czar, who held his helmet in his hand, looked strong and well. A rocket screaming up from the middle of the river signaled his Majesty's appearance, which was greeted with a salvo of artillery of 101 guns from the fortress of Saint Peter and Paul, punctuated by the simultaneous chiming of bells throughout the city. When the czar had taken up his position in the chapel and the ice below had been broken, the Metropolitan blessed the shadowy waters and the cross was dipped three times therein.

The diplomatic corps and the ladies of the court witnessed the brief ceremony from the windows of the palace, United States Ambassador McCormick and Mrs. McCormick, Secretary Eddy of the embassy, Naval Attaché Smith and the Japanese Minister, M. Kurino, were among those present.

When the rite was finished thousands of people swarmed across the ice and dipped up water with which to sanctify their homes.

Similar ceremonies were observed throughout Russia.

The diplomats, exchanging views at the palace, unanimously agreed that the Russo-Japanese situation has much improved.

### Utah Inventors.

(TRIBUNE SPECIAL.)

Washington, Jan. 19.—A bill introduced by Senator Smoot granting an increase in pension to Margaret Liddle of Payson, Utah, was today favorably reported to the Committee on Pensions.

Patents issued—Utah, Carl E. Buck, Salt Lake City, spreading machine; Vincent H. Easton, Park City, hose clamp; John H. Scott, Huntington, combined mud and dust guard for vehicles.

Deaths—William S. Chapman, deceased, C. A. Hastings, administrator, Lewiston, Idaho; Ernest C. Herring, Reno, garnet supporting book pla

## IS RUSSIA SIDESTEPPING?

Announcement That There Is a Possibility of the Czar's Forces Evacuating Manchuria—Situation in Korea.

### TRIAL OF MACHEN.

Putting in of Evidence Proceeding Rapidly—Court Rebukes a Postal Inspector.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The trial of August W. Machen and the others indicted with him for conspiracy to defraud the Government proceeded rapidly today. The Government put in evidence a number of documents having a direct bearing on the dealings of the Grotto brothers with Machen and in the Postoffice department, and bank officials gave testimony concerning the deposits of the Grotto and the checks drawn against these deposits. The fact was brought out by two witnesses representing firms which manufactured the Grotto fastener, and the price to the Grotto for the same was \$25.00 per fastener, with a rebate of 5 cents on each fastener conditioned on prompt settlement of bills. The price at which the fasteners were furnished to the Government was \$25.00 per fastener, but later it was reduced to \$12.50 each.

A furor was created during one stage of the proceedings when Attorney Kumer, representing the Lorenzes, complained to the court that Postoffice Inspector Walter S. Mayer had been talking to witnesses before they came on the stand. Mayer denied the charge. When, subsequently, the matter came out again and Attorney Kumer said he had positive information that Mayer had committed the offense, Justice Pritchard rebuked the inspector and warned him against disrespect. District Attorney Beach demanded an affidavit to prove the assertion, which Mr. Kumer said he would furnish later in the day, but the matter, apparently, was allowed to drop, as the affidavit was not presented.

### AROUND BANQUET BOARD.

A Royal Feast Marks Close of Meeting of the National Board of Trade at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A banquet tonight brought the day's proceedings of the National Board of Trade to a close. Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor was the principal speaker. He said:

"This new executive establishment is a great department of peace. Its conquests are to be made along the lines of commerce and industry. Its mission is to foster, protect and develop, and we have construed this broad language to mean, not the injection of the department into the fields where it does not belong, but rather that, adhering strictly to the lines of federal jurisdiction, it shall put information and suggestion into the hands of business men, information and suggestion into the hands of the toiler, whether he be employer or employee; and that, in addition, in shall seek to enforce fairly and impartially with such authority as we have the various laws under which it operates. For gentlemen, in these days of an informal talk on the subject of the principles of law and order."

Senator Hanna, Speaker Cannon and others also spoke. Senator Hanna discussed the suitably bill and the Panama canal.

### ASSESSORS AND LAWYERS.

Conventions of Men Who Fix Taxes and Men Who Test Laws in Idaho Concluded.

Boise, Ida., Jan. 19.—The County Assessors spent the morning today in a discussion of the questions called to their attention yesterday by State Auditor Turpin.

During the afternoon the Assessors met with the State Board of Equalization and discussed the subject of uniformity of the subject of uniformity. The greatest harmony and unanimity prevailed.

A large number of questions with respect to assessment of property were submitted to the Attorney-General for a ruling. This closed the work of the day.

The County Attorneys' association concluded its labors today and adjourned, after electing the following officers: President, W. A. Stone of Canyon; Vice-president, Miles S. Johnson of Nez Perce; Secretary, C. E. Neal of Ada.

Tonight the Assessors and Attorneys were guests of the State officers at a banquet.

### SEEKS RECOGNITION.

Agent of Morales Government in San Domingo Will Appeal to Uncle Sam.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 19.—Juan Francisco Sanchez, special representative of the Morales Government, has arrived here on his way to Washington, whither he goes with the object of soliciting the recognition by the United States of the Morales Government and the issuance of an exequatur to the new Consul-General at New York. Accompanied by Abraham Leon, his secretary, he left here today for New York.

Messrs. Sanchez and Leon declare that Gen. Morales is sure to be victorious. San Domingo advises from a trustworthy source, which have reached here, are to the effect that Germany is quietly buying control of certain Belgian claims against San Domingo with the intention of ultimately seizing Samana bay to enforce payment. These claims antedate those of the American company and aggregate \$3,000,000.

### Four Killed in Mine.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 19.—By a cave-in of earth in the East Gray Rock mine, one of the Antiquated properties, tonight, four men were killed and two injured. The dead—Tim Harrington, Ole Olsen and two others. Injured—Fred Sara and John McNeer.

London, Jan. 20.—The German newspapers this morning appear to be paying the way to explain the Russian retreat in the negotiations with Japan, and in all the capitals of Europe opinion now inclines to a peaceful issue in the Far East.

In a dispatch from Tokio the correspondent there of the Daily Mail reports that a lengthy conference of the Japanese Cabinet was held Tuesday, and says the Emperor is receiving the Ministers of Finance and Marine and the naval chiefs.

The correspondent says he has learned that Mr. Kurino, Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, has sent in a confidential report in which he says that at a secret meeting recently of the Russian Grand Dukes and the Ministers, War Minister Kuropatkin and some of his colleagues declared in favor of peace.

According to the Tokio correspondent of the Standard the privy council will be convened Wednesday to discuss important measures bearing on the situation.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail declares in a dispatch that eleven Russian battalions of infantry, together with cavalry and artillery, have been dispatched to the Yalu river. He mentions also an unconfirmed report that Japan has landed troops in southern Korea.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that he had had an interview with Admiral Alexieff, the Russian Viceroy in the Far East, who spoke hopefully of the possibility of arranging a modus vivendi with Japan. The Viceroy then referred the correspondent to his diplomatic agent, M. Plancon, who emphasized the impossibility of Russia's evacuation of Manchuria, and says:

"Orders were given six months ago to evacuate Newchwang and Manchuria provided the Chinese would agree to simple terms, but owing to the intrigues of the Japanese Minister with the Wai Wu Pu (Chinese Foreign Board) these orders were countermanded."

M. Plancon declared that the action of the United States in making a commercial treaty with China without Russia's consent under the existing circumstances was unfriendly and undiplomatic. Russia, he said, would not allow consuls at Mukden and Antung under the present regime. If Japan wanted Korea, Russia, M. Plancon said, would not interfere provided the other powers allowed it, and he added: "Russia did not want Japan's consent to occupy Manchuria, neither was it necessary for Japan to seek Russia's permission to establish a protectorate in Korea."

M. Plancon concluded by saying that the United States and other nations were more interested in the situation than was Russia. The correspondent adds that the action of the United States Government had quite upset Viceroy Alexieff's calculations. A dispatch from Tokio says the Russian reply is expected shortly and that it is believed it will make some concessions but it is doubted whether these will be sufficiently far-reaching.

### REPLY IN NEGATIVE.

No Definite Plans for Peace Decided Upon.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—It is now an open secret here that the Japanese reply is distinctly negative, and its extremely courteous tone is only equalled by the firmness of spirit which characterizes it.

The czar's advisers have been instructed to try to work out some plan whereby the amour propre of both countries can be saved, but the complications and political entanglement seem beyond the powers of any one to find a solution.

England's so-called pro-Japanese policy is exciting serious attention in political circles. It is a growing sentiment that Russia has not got to do with Japan so much as with England, and that the Anglo-Japanese alliance is at the moment of all the present trouble.

It is urged by many politicians that the time has come for Russia to retaliate by a demonstration toward the Indian frontier, and also by aggressive political tactics in Persia.

In diplomatic circles attention is called to the reported frigid reception of the British Ambassador recently by Count Lamsdorff, Minister of Foreign Affairs. There is intense irritation in the highest quarters against England and the same sentiment is being extended to America.

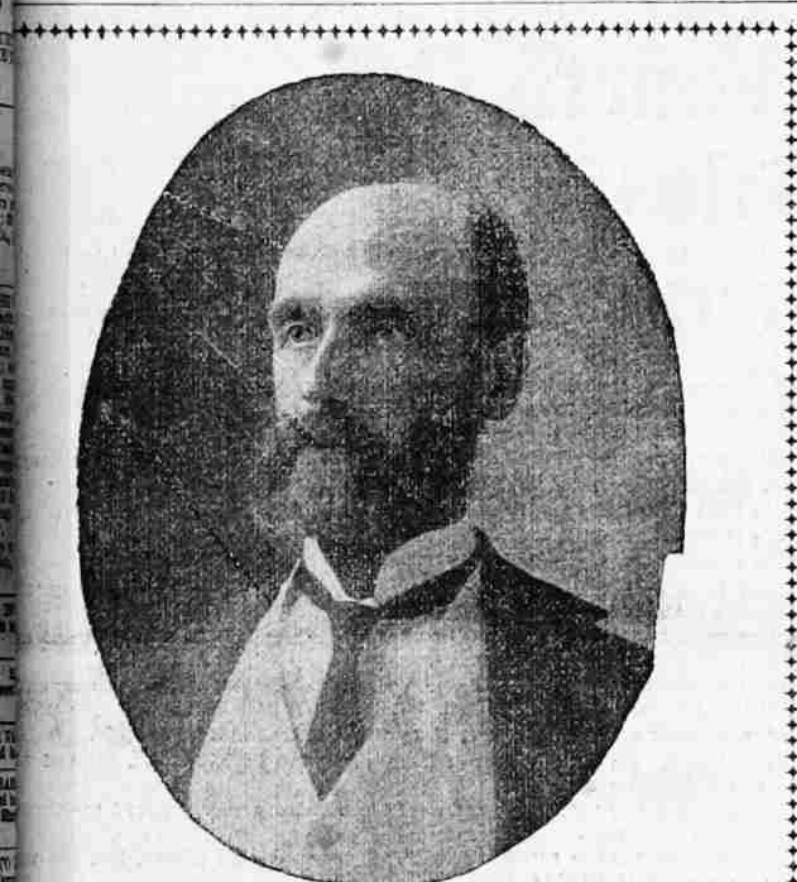
### KOREA PANICKY.

Riotous Outbreak Momentarily Feared in Seoul.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The only advice received over night at the State department from the East came from the Minister at Seoul. He reports that Korea is in a panicky condition and there is apprehension of a riotous outbreak at any moment. The information is conveyed that several foreign consuls are at the bottom of these disturbances, the result of which may be to afford an excuse for intervention and the placing of large forces in Korea, thus precipitating a hostile collision between Russia and Japan.

### Omaha Furnishes Beef.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 19.—Fifty-one cars of extra mass beef for the Russian army will roll into San Francisco January 27th and will be loaded on a transport, which will leave for the Orient February 2nd. The meat was cut in specially-built caulk, which arrived in South Omaha last week. As soon as the caulk arrived, the work of packing began and was hurried with all possible speed, and the first trainload, consisting of twenty-five cars, left South Omaha Monday. The remainder followed today.



FREDERICK HAYNES NEWELL.  
Chief Hydrographer U. S. Geological Survey.

explained and the sentiment of the owners learned.

### PROF. SWENDSEN'S REPORT.

Prof. Swendsen's report is very complete. He said Mr. Newell last night, "and that a vast saving of water may be effected by reducing the area of the lake. More water is lost every day of this lake by evaporation than is for irrigation in the entire State. It is precipitated in the form of snow over in Kansas or California, but so far as Utah is concerned, it is irretrievably lost. This water can be saved in exactly the proportion that surface of the lake is reduced."

### WILL REDEEM AN EMPIRE.

Mr. Swendsen's plans can be carried out hundreds of thousands of acres be reclaimed for cultivation and amount of water now distributed in the valley increases many fold. It with the farmers themselves to determine whether the work shall be taken. The Government will not any chances on litigation nor will undertake to deal individually with owners of small tracts of land.

### IN OTHER PLACES.

can recommend the plan adopted in the Salt River valley, Arizona; the embankment in Colorado; at Roswell, N. M., and at other places. That is to water-users' associations, voluntary combinations of individual landowners with boards of governors and trustees through which they deal with the Government. The association guarantees the payment of the interest assessed against each acre, and land-owners pledge their land as security for the debt. Each member agrees to own his farm as before, the annual assessment for his right becomes a lien upon the

### THE GOVERNMENT PLAN.

This plan has given satisfaction. It has been tried and I believe the water-users here will be ready to adopt it when they understand it. The purpose of the Government is to take the water right an appurtenance to the land and to encourage the cultivation of small tracts."

### PLANS FOR TODAY.

Newell is accompanied by Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry. Both gentlemen have been to land, where they attended the meeting of the Live Stock association, and took this morning, accompanied by the State Engineer and Land Commissioner, Mayor, City Engineer, president of the Council, chairman of the works committee and members of various canal companies, they leave on a special Rio Grande train for Jordan. There a meeting will be held at the meeting-house at 10 o'clock. Prof. Newell will give a report and the views of the

### PSUEDO WIDOWS LOOSE.

Fortune of the Mysterious Charles Hall, Who Died in Los Angeles, Goes to Boston Heirs.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—The estate of Charles Hall, for which more than a dozen widows have entered their claims, was distributed today by order of court, the entire estate amounting to \$14,000, going to heirs in Boston. The names of the fortunate claimants are: Salem D. Charles, Helen A. Bliss, Mrs. Leonard A. Hyde, Byron W. Charles, Fred A. Charles, Jennie E. Sherry, Mrs. Mary L. Charles and Mrs. Sarah J. C. Barrett. The State received over \$200 out of the estate as the inheritance tax.